

# Questionnaire

1. How do you cultivate the **joy** of believing in Jesus and of being a religious of the Sacred Hearts?

*"Were not our hearts burning within us?" (Lk 24,32)*

Go back over the Introduction (EG 1-18).

2. What **temptations** do we need to confront with a great firmness?

*"How blind you are to see!" (Lk 24,25)*

Go back over Chapter 2, part II (EG 76-109)

3. What is calling us most to **pastoral and missionary conversion**?

*"And their eyes were opened" (Lk 24,31)*

Go back over Chapter 1 (EG 20-49) and Chapter 5, part I (EG 262-283).

## NOTE

In some places, it may be possible to reflect on these questions with the laity of the **SSCC Secular Branch**. If a community finds such to be the case, we ask them to do so.

## Preparation of the 39<sup>th</sup> General Chapter

Brothers

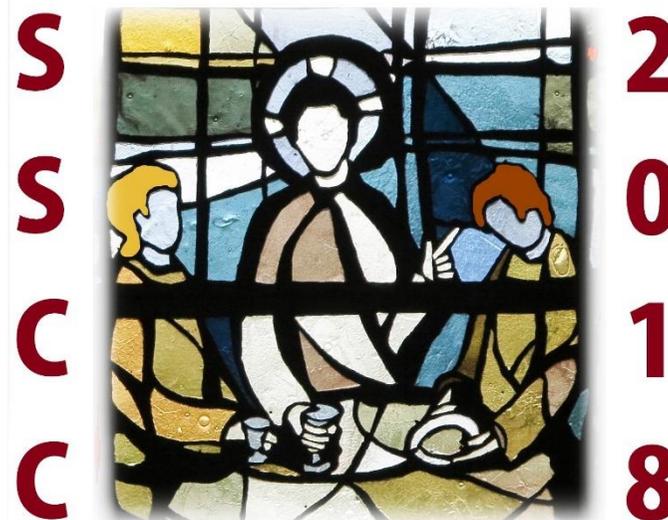


## Questionnaire 2

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM**

January 3, 2018

### Savor God



along the journey of life

**Questionnaire 1** asked communities to write a prayer of thanksgiving, which expressed the desires which arise on rereading the Constitutions. Responses from 96 local communities offer a splendid display of the faith of the brothers and of the major desires that God seeds in us. You can access these responses here:

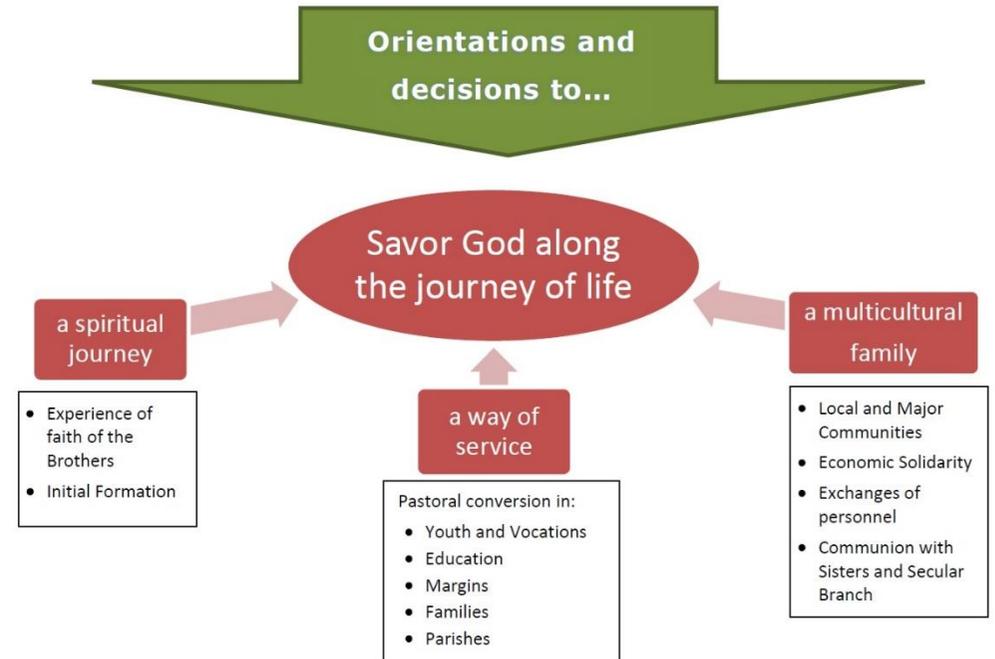
<http://www.sscpicpus.com/en/preparation-of-the-general-chapters-2018>

We recommend that you read these responses for meditation and prayer. Some points stick out:

- A desire for **"MORE"**: more union with Jesus, more fraternity, among ourselves, more giving of ourselves to mission, more prayer, more depth...
- Interest in the **vows**, in our way of living them as consecration to the Sacred Hearts.
- The desire to **evangelize**, to bring the Good News to others, and to let ourselves be evangelized by the poor.
- Joy in the **charism** and the way that the Congregation has to follow Jesus. This is expressed using the traditional language (the four ages, the centrality of the Eucharist, reparation) and the current language of the Constitutions.
- An aspiration for an energizing **brotherhood** where the brothers see themselves as one "body" and discern together.

The challenge we have –now and always– is to **cut the distance** between these desires (in as much as they are expressed beautifully in many documents) and our concrete practice. That adds up to finding ways for concrete conversion.

Let us remember that the coming General Chapter has as its task to find the orientations and decisions to help us "savor God along the journey of life" in three dimensions: our spiritual path, our way of serving and our way of being a multicultural family.



To move ahead now in the process, we will avail ourselves of the exhortation ***Evangelii Gaudium*** (EG) of Pope Francis. We all know the exhortation and surely, we have already studied it and applied it. We find in it many strong appeals that both life today and the Church make for a deep pastoral and missionary conversion. We ask you, brothers that you seek out how these appeals can illuminate the desires that we have expressed as a Congregation and help us to make possible, small and concrete steps in a good direction in this time of our history.

For that purpose, we send you this **Questionnaire 2**. Please, reflect on it individually and then in community meetings, work it out. This time around, we are asking for synthesized responses from Provinces, Regions and Delegations.

We ask the superiors (provincials, regionals and delegations) to send the responses to [secgen@sscpcpus.com](mailto:secgen@sscpcpus.com) **before April 15, 2018**.

Many thanks!